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Japanese Patent Public Disclosure No. 10-77902 (laid open to the public for inspection on March 24, 1998) discloses a side water passage (17). However, this water passage (17) is intended for cooling the lubricating oil of an oil gallery (11) but not for cooling the cylinder like the present invention. Further, unlike the present invention, it does not disclose that the side water passage has front and rear end portions provided with front and rear openings which communicate the side water passage with a water pump.

Japanese Patent Public Disclosure No. 11-107852 (laid open to the public for inspection on April 20, 1999), Japanese Patent Public Disclosure No. 2003-97347 (laid open to the public for inspection on April 3, 2003), Japanese Patent Public Disclosure No. 2003-97348 (laid open to

the public for inspection on April 3, 2003), and Japanese Patent Public Disclosure No. 2003-97267 (laid open to the public for inspection on April 3, 2003) all disclose a side water passage for cooling the cylinder. However, none of them recites to provide at front and rear end portions of the side water passage, front and rear end openings which communicate the side water passage with a water pump.

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